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TOPIC	Soviet Troops in the Heiterblick Kaserne at Leipzig-Taucha.		
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1. On three days between 2 and 9 May 1951, intensive training activity was observed in front of six buildings of the Heiterblick Kaserne at Leipzig-Taucha. A game of soccer on 6 May was attended by 6 officers including 2 majors, and 60 to 70 PW who wore red-bordered black epaulets some with tank and some with motor transport insignia. Double sentries at the main gate and patrols in the billeting area wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. An invitation addressed to an officer (name torn off), requesting his presence at the May Day celebration, and signed by Gds Major (Tech) Buchnov (fnu), commanding officer of [REDACTED] was found at one of the garages in the billeting area. *

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2. Three-axle trucks [REDACTED] towing 76.2-mm or 100-mm AT guns, were observed at the Heiterblick Kaserne [REDACTED]

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* [REDACTED] Comment. According to a Russian deserter, [REDACTED] belongs to the 80th Repair Shop of the First Gds Mecz Army in Dresden. Since the date mentioned in the invitation was probably 1 May 1951, the 80th Repair Shop can be considered confirmed until that time. However, the location of the shop is unknown. The [REDACTED] from Schwepnitz as being the consignee of a tank from Leipzig-Taucha in June 1949. This indicates the possibility that either a maintenance section of the repair shop was at the Koenigsbrueck troop training grounds at that time or the whole repair shop was there. The fact that the commanding officer of the unit is a technical officer confirms that the APN belongs to the 80th Repair Shop.

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** [REDACTED] Comment. The report indicates that AT artillery components of the 21st Gds Mecz Regt of the 8th Gds Mecz Div which is stationed in the Plak Kaserne, Heiterblick, were still at the post on 9 May 1951. According to a previous report [REDACTED] major components of the regiment left by rail for Koenigsbrueck between 15 and 17 April 1951. [REDACTED]

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